

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hartshorn are the parents of a girl, Georgette Gray born November 29 at the Forest Grove Community Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds two ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Juanita Berkholz, Vernonia; Walter Todd, Rock Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartshorn, Fair Oaks, California.



**BLESSINGS OF THE YULETIDE**

**TO EVERYONE ED ROEDIGER PLUMBING**  
Ed and Edith

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS!**



A bright Christmas to our many friends!

**TANDY SHOE REPAIR**

Albert & Zona Tandy

**Anna Wink Becomes Bride Of Ben Smith**

The home of Duane and Elsie Hammerberg was the Christmas setting for a wedding last Sunday. The bride was Elsie's grandmother, Anna Wink of Birkenfeld, and the groom was Ben Smith of Seaside.

The bride looked lovely in her pastel green dress with orchid corsage and silver accessories, and the happy groom resplendent in his dark suit and boutonniere. No onlooker would have believed both their ages to be 74 years young.

Witnesses for the couple was Anna's daughter Iva Jane Garner and son-in-law Trent Garner, also residents of Birkenfeld. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Eldon Sketler.

Also present were the brides sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Jewell, who are no relation to the groom, and four of her great grandchildren.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Seaside.

**Lock Car To Prevent Loss**

A CHRISTMAS STORY

'Twas the night before Christmas and there in his chair, father was moaning and tearing his hair. While upstairs in bed, all still and asleep, the children knew not what made poor daddy weep. The bills had been paid, the gifts had been bought and all was well with the world, dad had thought. He'd gone to the car, put the toys on the seat and then to the market for good things to eat. He returned to the car, and what did he find? Some thief in the night had stolen him blind.

Unfortunately, there are other people besides Santa Clause tiptoeing around during the Christmas season carrying gifts. Where Santa Claus creeps down chimneys with bags of delights for the kiddies, the sneak thief creeps through darkened parking lots to steal bundles from cars of unsuspecting shoppers.

With a few pointers from the Insurance Information Institute, however, it may be possible to thwart the thieves and save your presents for Santa's bundle.

When you are out shopping and find it necessary to leave the car unattended with gifts inside, always lock your purchases in the trunk. Not only does this provide greater security, but also by taking the packages out of sight any temptation for thieves is effectively removed.

Even with the packages safely locked away, always lock your car doors and take your keys with you, the Institute cautions. The only thing worse than losing all your Christmas gifts is losing your entire car.

When possible, park your car in brightly lit, well-traveled areas. Thieves don't like working where they can be seen.

The use of holly as a decoration at Christmas time can be traced back to antiquity and many believe that the name is derived from the word "holly." In Germany there is the legend that this thorn was used for the crucifixion crown.

**Rites Read For Helen Hughes**

Funeral services for Helen M. Hughes, 66 year old resident of 2427 B. Street, Forest Grove, where held Monday December 17th at 11 a.m. at the Fuiten Mortuary Chapel, Forest Grove.

The Rev. Richard Osburn, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Forest Grove, conducted the services with concluding rites and vault entombment following at the Forest View Cemetery Mausoleum, Forest Grove.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Forest Grove on January 6, 1907, the daughter of the late Frank and Minnie Mier Johnson. She received her early education in Forest Grove and then attended and graduated from Commerce High School in Portland. She then lived a number of years in Tillamook where she was first a dental receptionist and then later with the Tillamook county assessors office for over twenty years, much of the time as a Deputy Assessor. She later moved to Mist where she and her husband were among partners in the Allied J. & H. Lumber mill operations at Mist.

While living at Mist she and her husband, the Late Roy Hughes also had a home built in Forest Grove and spent time here on weekends. After his death in 1964 Mrs. Hughes spent most of her time living in Forest Grove.

Surviving is a sister Mrs. Maxine Holden of Forest Grove and with whom she had been making her home in recent years; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Johnson of Clatskanie; and a number of neices and nephews. Mrs. Hughes died at the Tuality community hospital in Hillsboro December 14th.

**Military Retirees Have Optional Plan**

Prospective military retirees with dependents on the date of retirement are automatically covered by the SBP at the maximum benefit level unless the member submits a written election not earlier than 60 days nor later than one day prior to his retirement, electing not to participate or to participate in one of the optional coverages available.

Those who retired prior to September 21, 1972 have until March 21, 1974 to make their election to participate in the SBP. Questions relative to the Survivor Benefit Plan or any other problems from retired personnel may be referred to the Chief, Retired Affairs Branch (G-PS-61), Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington D.C. 20590.



EVELYN HEATH presents Isabelle Culbertson with a card of appreciation upon her retirement from the Vernonia Library Board after 32 years of service as treasurer. The ceremony took place at the coffee hour given by the board upon the retirement of Olivia Brickel, librarian.

**MYSTERY SANTA CONTEST**

**First Weeks Clues**  
An Oregon boy, born and bred  
He came her with his mom and dad  
In time to finish VHS  
The school he still likes the best  
He learned his trade while very small  
And enjoys it now that he's grown tall  
A friendly man you would say  
Always glad to pass the time of day  
A married man of that I'm sure  
A ride with him will bring a cure  
Now I must halt; not another clue  
I'll leave the guessing up to you

**Second Week Clues**  
Well, here's group number two  
Of the mystery Santa clues  
Since you haven't guessed yet  
These, maybe, you will get  
Football & basketball is the game  
First managing both then spectator by name  
An added talent was useful in the band  
With a musical trombone held in his hands  
Not another clue to you today  
Turn in your answer with no delay

**Third Week Clues**  
Two weeks you've had clues and clues  
To the person's name of the honor due  
Not guessed the mystery Santa yet?  
Well here's more clues you'll surely get  
Many things he's done in recent years  
And many in the years before  
Among the many are: Rod & Gun Club, coins, Citizen of the year, Active in Chamber of Commerce and School Board  
A prominent business man, yes  
You've got it? That's a good guess

**Rebekah Club Enjoy Party**

Rebekah Club met Dec. 3 at the home of Evelyn Heath for its Christmas party. Officers elected to serve in 1974 were: President, Evelyn Heath; Vice Pres., Lesta Garner; and Sec.-Treas., Maude Wells. The next meeting of the club will be held Monday evening, January 7 at the home of Zoe Salomonsen.

**Senior Citizen News - - -**

The Columbia County Commissioners presented each of the 5 area Senior Citizens groups with a check for \$2,000 to be used to purchase transportation vehicles for their centers. Our

**Vernonia Eagle**

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thanks and appreciation. Senior Citizens, please try and attend our Christmas potluck this coming Friday, December 21, at 12:30 p.m. Our center will be closed Monday, December 24. Open December 26. All of us wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Prosperous New Year!



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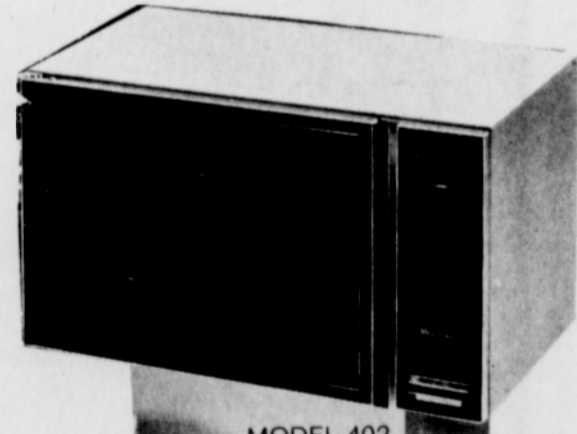
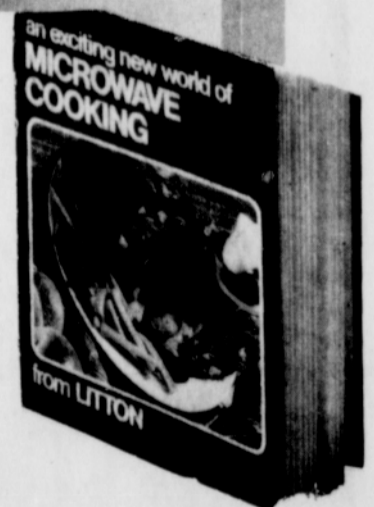
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**Season's Greetings**

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